

# Phenomena Research Paper Starter—2014-2015

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You will create the “start” of a research paper. Instead of completing an entire research paper, you will:

1. Find information from three different sources—at least one book, one periodical, and one Internet site. (Double the information for an A or a “B”.)
2. Take the needed “Works Cited” information and notes from each source you use
3. Develop a thesis statement about your topic
4. Create a poster about your topic

This work will prepare you for next year when you write an entire research paper.

A phenomenon is “an unusual significant, or hard-to-explain fact or happening; a marvel” (Phenomena, p. 1). **Number your favorite topics from 1 to 5—with 1 being your top choice.**

\_\_\_ Aliens (extra-terrestrials)

\_\_\_ Alien abductions

\_\_\_ Angels

\_\_\_ Atlantis

\_\_\_ Bermuda Triangle

\_\_\_ Bigfoot (Abominable Snowman)

\_\_\_ Crop circles

\_\_\_ Easter Island giant stone images

\_\_\_ ESP (extra sensory perception)

\_\_\_ Faith-healing

\_\_\_ Houdini

\_\_\_ Loch Ness Monster

\_\_\_ Malaysia Airlines Flight 370

\_\_\_ Northern Lights

\_\_\_ Nostradamus

\_\_\_ Ouija boards

\_\_\_ Poltergeists

\_\_\_ Pyramids

\_\_\_ Roswell (Area 51)

\_\_\_ Sasquatch/Yeti

\_\_\_ Séances

\_\_\_ Spontaneous Human Combustion

\_\_\_ Stonehenge

\_\_\_ Tarot cards

\_\_\_ UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects)

\_\_\_ Vampires

\_\_\_ Walking on fire

\_\_\_ Weeping, bleeding statues

\_\_\_ Werewolves